Executive Committee
United Community Corporation
124 Branford Place
Newark, New Jersey
June 8, 1966

Present: C. Willard Heckel, President, Presiding; Rabbi Jonathan Prinz, Edward A. Kirk, Francis Quillan, Willie Wright, Andrew Washington, Irving Rosenberg, Miss Hilda Hidalgo, Timothy Still, Patrick Tobia for Msgr. Joseph A. Dooling, Sidney Reitman, Legal Counsel.

Staff: Cyril D. Tyson, Donald M. Wendell, James H. Blair, Albert Alba, Carol Popet, George Mossay, Dr. Thomas Flagg, Hilda Morales, Ruth Levey, Beatrice Easley.

Guest: Robert Curvin

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on May 25 were approved. The minutes of June 1 were deferred.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND PROCESSING: Discussion on this item centered on the role of the Program Committee, the Task Force and staff in the approval or rejection of proposals. It was pointed out that each has a distinct responsibility in the process of evaluation and final determination and that the staff role is limited generally to recommendations for acceptance or rejection.

It was agreed that the Program Committee should remain as it is, both in structure and function. Although, it was recommended that it consist of trustees of the United Community Corporation and that it should have the authority to decide whether certain requirements of a program proposal are met. It was further suggested that the Program Committee be empowered to withhold proposals that do not meet these requirements. Although, it was indicated that the staff could re-submit a proposal for technical changes.

The consensus, nevertheless, was that the process should not be changed and that proposals be referred to the Task Force, since it represents the community at large. A MOTION WAS SECONDED AND CARRIED to suspend discussion on this entire matter until action items on the agenda had been completed.

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COMMUNICATIONS: Dean Heckel read a letter addressed to the Executive Committee from the Rev. Horace H. Hunt, Chairman, Department of Christian Social Relations, Greater Newark Council of Churches. Rev. Hunt advised the Committee that the Department of Christian Social Relations expressed concern regarding the reluctance of the Newark City Council to grant the required 10 percent matching funds to the United Community Corporation. He requested that he and his associates have an opportunity to meet with members of the Executive Committee.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the Executive Committee meet at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, June 15, and invited the representatives of the Department of Christian Social Relations to be present at that time.

PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT: The purchase of an air conditioner at a cost of $350.00 for the Office Manager's office was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED.

NEGOTIATIONS OF BUDGET REQUESTS: Mr. Tyson informed the Committee that the current budget request which awaits approval by the Regional OEO, now requires a letter in reference to the UCC salary schedule and plans which the Board of Trustees approved prior to issuance of CAP Memo 23. It was explained that the Regional Office because of a technicality failed to approve the schedule and consequently the letter is being requested so that the Regional OEO can act on the plan outside of the limitations placed upon it by the CAP Memo. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that this Committee request that Dean Heckel as president write such a letter.

BLAZER STUDY: Mr. Reitman reported on recent developments in connection with the Board of Trustees study of the Blazer Program. He said that he had been in connection with Mr. Staloff regarding a proposal sent by Blazer to Mr. Tate. The proposal, Mr. Reitman explained, calls for the reinstatement of the Blazer president and members of the board with the understanding that an election be held for all officers and trustees in June. As of this meeting, there has been no response from Mr. Tate.

It was reported that Blazer voted to conduct elections on June 22 under the supervision of the subcommittee

of the UCC Executive Committee. Mr. Reitman reported that he suggested a follow-up communication to Mr. Tate urging his response. Discussion followed in regard to the reaction of the Executive Committee. Inasmuch as the Board of Trustees has been asked to take under consideration a resolution from the membership, that all funds for Blazer be cut off.

It was agreed that for the purpose of making a report to the Board of Trustees, by Dean Heckel, that the subcommittee meet again with the parties concerned and ask the staff for its evaluation as to the harm the controversy has had on the effectiveness of the program.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Beatrice V. Easley